THE 34TH ANNUAL
GREEN★GARNER
AWARD PROGRAM

Honoring the Memories of Richard R. Green, Leading Urban School Chancellor & Edward J. Garner, Urban School Board Leader

Recognizing Outstanding Contributions To Urban Education

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Council of the Great City Schools
Richard R. Green (1936–1989)

- Earned doctorate in Educational Administration from Harvard Graduate School of Education
- Led the nation’s largest school system as chancellor of New York City Public Schools
- Mentored urban school superintendents nationwide

“IF YOU BELIEVE IT, YOU CAN ACHIEVE IT.
IF IT IS TO BE, IT’S UP TO ME.”

Edward J. Garner (1942–2012)

- Outstanding businessman and former school board president, Denver Public Schools
- Played key role in establishing and funding the CGCS Urban Educator of the Year Award
- Represented school board members on the CGCS Executive Committee
The Council of the Great City Schools is committed to recognizing and supporting outstanding leadership in urban education in honor of Richard R. Green and Edward Garner.

THE COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS is pleased to sponsor the annual Green-Garner Award in Urban Education. This year’s award is dedicated to honoring one of our school board members. Next year’s award will spotlight one of our school superintendents. The honor has been named for our outstanding colleagues and friends—Richard Green, the former Chancellor of the New York City Public Schools and former Superintendent of the Minneapolis Public Schools, and Edward Garner, the former School Board President of Denver Public Schools. This award will be presented during the 67th Annual Fall Conference in San Diego.

Urban education has been blessed with many dedicated and talented individuals. Board members who will be nominated will have helped spearhead the comeback and progress of the nation’s urban schools. These remarkable individuals have worked tirelessly on behalf of our very special children.

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SCHOLASTIC is proud to sponsor the Green-Garner Award in Urban Education, which honors the legacy of our inspired colleagues by recognizing educators in America’s urban schools who exemplify the highest standards of leadership, achievement, professionalism and inclusion. We appreciate your unwavering commitment to children. We are proud to be your partner in working to improve literacy, raise achievement, and provide opportunity for all children in this country.

Rose Else-Mitchell
President, Education Solutions
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THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In tribute to the memories of Richard R. Green and Edward Garner, the Council of the Great City Schools will present an award in their names to a past or present Council member superintendent or board of education member. The award rotates annually between superintendents and board members, and winners will be awarded for representing one or more of the ideals and commitments expressed by Richard Green and Edward Garner (see Selection Criteria, page 5). The 2023 Green-Garner Award winner will be honored at the 67th Annual Fall Conference of the Council of the Great City Schools and will receive a $10,000 college scholarship to present to a senior in a high school from the winner’s school system.

THE WINNER WILL:
★ Receive a special Green-Garner Award.
★ Receive nationwide recognition in the news and various trade media, as well as a special profile in the Council of the Great City Schools newsletter, Urban Educator.
★ Receive a $10,000 college scholarship to present to a senior in high school from their school system.

IMPORTANT DATES

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<td>Deadline to submit online nomination materials.</td>
<td>Distinguished panel selects Green-Garner Finalists and Award Winner.</td>
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SELECTION PROCESS

The Green-Garner Award Program in 2023 is open to all past and present Board Members of the Council of the Great City Schools. All current superintendents and Board of Education members of the Council of the Great City Schools may make nominations for a past or present Board Member for the Green-Garner Award Program. Those nominating a candidate should fill out the application online.

The Council of the Great City Schools will review all applications for completion. A distinguished panel of current and former superintendents and school board members will select the recipient of the annual Green-Garner Award. The application must be completed in its entirety no later than August 25, 2023.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Applicants for the Green-Garner Award should be able to demonstrate one or more of the following ideals cherished by Dr. Green and Mr. Garner:

**LEADERSHIP**
- The applicant has shown excellence in leadership and sustained that leadership over a number of years.
- The applicant has improved the quality and stability of the district through his or her leadership and governance.

**ACHEIVEMENT**
- The applicant has demonstrated that his or her leadership has been instrumental in improving student achievement districtwide for a number of years.
- The applicant has demonstrated that his or her leadership has been instrumental in narrowing achievement gaps in his or her district over a number of years.

**PUBLIC CONFIDENCE**
- The applicant has helped improve the public’s confidence in his or her school district.

**PROFESSIONALISM**
- The applicant embodies the personal characteristics and professional accomplishments that reflect well on urban education and the progress it is striving to make.

**INVOLVEMENT**
- The applicant has shown active and sustained participation in and support of the Council of the Great City Schools.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
★ The application is available ONLINE ONLY.
★ Each online submission must include the complete application, with all questions answered and all required documents uploaded.

If you have any questions, please email:

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CLICK HERE TO APPLY ONLINE:
https://tinyurl.com/2023GreenGarnerAward

Laura Garcia, a 2020 graduate of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, received the Green-Garner $10,000 college scholarship at a virtual awards ceremony from Miami school board member Larry Feldman, winner of the 2021 Green-Garner Award. Laura attends the University of Florida.

Demetrius Jackson, a 2018 graduate of Long Beach Unified School District Long Beach, Calif., was honored at a school board meeting for winning the 2018 Green-Garner $10,000 college scholarship from Long Beach school board member Felton Williams. Demetrius used the scholarship to attend Northern Arizona University.
APPLICATION SPECIFICATIONS (Must be submitted online)

★ Board member nominee’s contact and district information
★ Board member nominee’s resume
★ Board member nominee’s educational background
★ A color photograph of the board member nominee
★ One page responses to each of the following prompts (You will be able to upload a file for each question.)

1. How has the nominee’s tenure as a school board member improved the quality and stability of your district’s leadership and governance?

2. How has the nominee’s leadership as a school board member helped to improve student achievement district-wide and narrow the district’s achievement gaps?

3. How has the nominee’s leadership as a school board member helped improve public confidence in your district?

4. How has the nominee’s leadership as a school board member exemplified the progress that urban schools nationwide are determined to make?

5. How has the nominee and his or her district participated over the years in the Council of the Great City Schools?

6. Please describe why you believe your candidate will be the best recipient of the The Green-Garner Award.

★ Any additional supporting documents (copies of letters, testimonials, news clippings).

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San Diego, CA

CGCS 67th Annual Fall Conference
OCTOBER 25–29
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